

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following:

[0003] When executing the above PPV service, the user first operates a receiver called an integrated receiver decoder (IRD) so that an electronic program guide ~~called an~~ (EPG) is displayed on a monitor screen that is connected to the ~~above~~ IRD. The user then specifies on the EPG the desired program that he wants to buy and view ~~on the EPG~~. The IRD transmits the program ID of the program that was specified by the user ~~to buy~~ to a distributor via a public telephone circuit or a cable television circuit as purchase information. Each program to be provided by the PPV service has been enciphered respectively, and the distributor transmits cryptanalytic information, called a "key", that deciphers the program bought by the user according to the purchase information to the IRD of the user ~~who bought the program~~. Then, the IRD deciphers the program bought by the user with the above cryptanalytic information, and displays the deciphered program.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following:

[0005] In the above PPV service, it is necessary that the user previously buy the program before the program is broadcasted. Therefore, there is a problem that the user must remember the channel number of ~~his~~ the bought program and its air time, and if the user forgets the channel number and the air time ~~this~~, the user is unable to view or record the program.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following:

[0011] Furthermore, since the video tape recorder control command will be transmitted by ~~attaching it~~ being attached to the notice of correspondence, it is not necessary ~~that~~ for the

user to separately operates the video tape recorder; therefore, operability in program recording is improved.

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following:

[0037] On the other hand, if an affirmative result is obtained in step SP3, a program corresponding to the distribution request exists. The VOD controller 15 proceeds to step SP6. Then, in step SP6, the VOD controller 15 transmits to the IRD 30 the answer mail Eans of "program found" showing that there is a program corresponding to the distribution request.